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In re Application of

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Application No. 09/824,643

Filed: April 4, 2001

For: WAVELENGTH DIVISION

MULTIPLEX TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

DECISION GRANTING PETITION TO RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY

This is a decision on the petition filed on February 24, 2004, requesting that the shortened statutory period for reply set forth in the Office communication mailed on January 16, 2004 be reset to run from the date on which the Office communication was actually received at the correspondence address of record.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner provided a statement that the Office action was received on February 12, 2004 and further provided evidence in the way of a copy of the Office action transmittal page having a date stamped by Venebal IP Docketing Department as being received on February 12, 2004. The petition was filed within two weeks of receipt of the Office communication. A substantial portion of the set reply period had elapsed on the date of receipt. The petition meets the criteria for restarting a time period to respond to an Office action as set forth in MPEP § 710.06.

Accordingly, the shortened statutory period that was originally set forth in the Office action originally mailed on January 16, 2004 is hereby reset to run THREE MONTHS FROM THE RECEIPT DATE OF February 12, 2004.

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